# **Public Transportation News**



#### **Transit Professionals Receive Service Awards**

The Public Transportation Division recognized two public transit professionals for their dedicated service to the state. NCDOT presented Shelton Hill and Kim Angel with the Eastern Service Award and Western Service Award, respectively, at the 2015 Public Transportation Division's annual training conference.

Hill is director of the South East Area Transit System (SEATS) in Robeson County. SEATS provides public transportation throughout Robeson County, as well as scheduled routes for out-of-county medical trips to Durham, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Fayetteville, Laurinburg and Pinehurst.

Hill has worked in transportation for more than a decade, taking on roles in planning, operations and management in county government. As director of SEATS, he has secured federal and local funding to expand his organization's reach to meet the needs of the county's growing, diverse population.

Cheryl Leonard presents award to Shelton Hill, director of the South East Area Transit System (SEATS) in Robeson County.

Angel is the director of Macon County Transit. Her career in public service spans more than 20 years, and she has been in her current position since 1997. Macon County Transit offers transportation services to county residents through regularly scheduled routes and on-demand pickup services, including out-of-county medical trips.

Angel has helped secure grants to expand her organization's reach and services. In 2012, Macon County Transit received the Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative Grant, which provided nearly \$460,000 to connect local veterans and their families with transportation options to improve access to jobs, education, health care and other services.

The Eastern/Western Service Award is a special recognition given annually by NCDOT's Public Transportation Division in recognition of services provided by an individual to the citizens of North Carolina through their job and community service. Criteria include leadership, perseverance, innovation and years of service in the transit industry.



Philip Vereen presents award to Kim Angel, director of Macon County Transit.



# **November Training:**

- Disadvantaged Business
   Enterprise to Urban Systems
- Transportation Leadership Development
- Transit Asset Management

#### **Meetings Attended:**

- NCPTA Board Meeting
- FTA Triennial Review Workshop
- Funding Study Bi-weekly calls
- NCAMPO meeting
- AASHTO MTAP bimonthly call
- Transit Advisory Board meetings
- North South Corridor Study
- Transportation LeadershipDevelopment

## **Upcoming:**

- FTA State Management Review training
- AASHTO MTAP Annual Meeting
- PTD Apprentice / Intern training

#### Calendar of activities underway:

- Conducted 29 compliance activities with sub recipients in first quarter – included are drug and alcohol, system safety program, compliance reviews and structured site visits #1.
- Funding Study alternatives / implementation planning

   conducting outreach to urban systems and MPOs on the graduation study
- Received FY 17 Call for projects 5310, 5311, 5339
- Received 5311F Intercity Bus request for proposal for services
- Distribute FY 2016 state program funds at December BOT.
- Finalizing planning activities statewide strategic plan, planning scopes for Community Transportation systems, MPO performance based planning requirements
- Launched Safety Management System Review project

### 2015 Accelerating Proficiency, Performance, Professionalism Pictures October 12-14, 2015



Dr. LD Bennett, consultant; Dr. Yvette Taylor, FTA Region IV Administrator; Debbie Collins, PTD Director



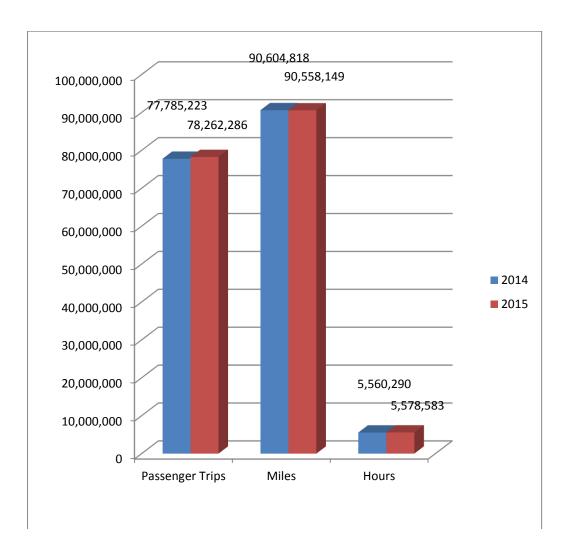
Mark Aesch, TransPro, describes next steps in success planning.

Sharon Lipscomb, NCDOT Equal Opportunity Office, shares the Title VI Template for use by transit systems.



# **Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Statistics**





### **Operating Statistics Calendar**

The Public Transportation Division receives quarterly and annual operating statistics from all 99 transit systems. A detailed validation and review of the operational and statistical data is required to meet Federal Transit Administration (FTA) oversight requirements. By building in the review time and one month for BOT package submissions, reports should be available on the following schedule:

- Quarter 1 January
- Quarter 2 April
- Quarter 3 July
- Quarter 4 / Annual December
- Complete prior statewide and systems reports by February
- Annual Economic Benefits study by March

